

INTERVIEW SUMMARIES

Telephonic interviews were conducted on November 3, 2005 between Applicants' representative Donald Marshall III, Reg. No. 55,430, and Examiner Thanh P. Duong, on November 2, 2005 between Applicants' representatives Steven M. Santisi, Reg. No. 40,157 and Donald Marshall III, Reg. No. 55,430, and Examiner Thanh P. Duong, and on or about October 11, 2005 between Applicants' representative Brian M. Dugan, Reg. No. 41,720, and Examiner Thanh P. Duong with regard to the above captioned application. Agreement as to allowability was reached with respect to Claims 71-76, 78-79, 87, and 111-126. Claims 1-126 were discussed during the interview. No specific prior art references were discussed.

On or about October 11, 2005, the Examiner telephoned Applicants' representative Brian M. Dugan and indicated that Claim 111 was allowable and Claim 86 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of its base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants' representative agreed to consider the Examiner's comments and call the Examiner about the same. The prior art of record was not discussed. No agreement was reached.

During the interview on November 2, 2005, Applicants' representatives Steven M. Santisi and Donald Marshall III proposed amending Claim 71 to incorporate the features of Claim 86, as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants' representatives also proposed adding claims dependent from Claim 111 which would be similar to the claims dependent from Claim 71. Applicants'

representatives also proposed adding a new Claim 119 which included the features of Claims 86 and 111 which the Examiner indicated were novel as well as dependent claims 120-126. The Examiner agreed that Claim 71 (as amended), Claim 111, and their respective dependent claims would be allowable. The Examiner further agreed to review a proposed Amendment to be submitted by Applicants with the claim amendments and additions discussed during the telephonic interview.

The submission of a replacement IDS to correct the defective IDS filed on October 4, 2001 was also discussed and Applicants' representatives agreed to submit the IDS and references as soon as possible. The prior art of record was not discussed. No other issues were discussed.

During the interview on November 3, 2005, the Examiner agreed to enter Applicants' proposed claim amendments (discussed during the interview on November 2, 2005 and attached hereto) as an Examiner's Amendment. These amendments incorporated the features of Claims 77 and 86 into Claim 71, added dependent claims to Claim 111 similar to the dependent claims of Claim 71, and added a new independent Claim 119 and dependent Claims 120-126 which included the features of Claims 71 (as amended) and 111 that the Examiner indicated were novel. The Examiner indicated independent Claims 71, 111, and 119 and their respective dependent claims were allowable over the prior art at least because all three independent claims recite, among other things:

a quench unit ... arranged to lower the temperature of the effluent fluid stream, wherein water vapor from the quench unit is recycled back to the

oxidizing unit for utilization as a hydrogen source to effect destruction of at least portion of the halogen-containing components of the effluent fluid stream.

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The Examiner agreed a Terminal Disclaimer is no longer required for Claims 1, 71-74, 80 and 98 because Claims 1, 80, and 98 will be cancelled in the Examiner's Amendment and the subject matter of Claims 77 and 86, which were not subject to the double patenting rejection, will be incorporated into Claim 71 (from which Claims 72-74 depend).

No other issues were discussed.

Respectfully Submitted,



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